

# GOTCH IS TOO OLD TO WRESTLE FRESH YOUNG GIANT STECHER

His Age and Staleness Would Cause Him to Lose His Championship Which He Values Far More Than the \$25,000 Which He Would Receive For a Championship Bout With His Strongest Competitor.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, April 22.—It would seem that the wisest course for Frank Gotch to pursue is to remain in retirement as far as a wrestling match with Joe Stecher is concerned.

Gotch is 35 years old, far beyond his wrestling prime, and "rusty" because of years of mat idleness. Stecher is 22, in the full bloom of his young manhood, and practically at the crest of his career. It is doubtful if Gotch, in the days of his greatest progress, was as wonderful a wrestler as Stecher is today.

By remaining in retirement, Gotch retains the glory that belongs to an undefeated champion: to an athlete who met and beat the strongest foe pitted against him before age came on. By coming out and trying conclusions, he probably will do a Jim Jeffries.

Gotch isn't After Cash.

No one justly would accuse Gotch of displaying a white feather by refusing to meet Stecher now. His ability is good. He's beyond his prime and out of wrestling condition.

Yes, Gotch would gain \$25,000 or so by grappling with Stecher. But Gotch isn't money mad. \$25,000 doesn't mean much to him now. He's worth upward of \$250,000. What is \$25,000 to him compared with the probable loss of his treasure, the championship?

If the Gotch of today were the Gotch of five or eight years ago, then a mat bout with Stecher would be worth going a thousand miles to see. It would be the grapple of the century. But, alas, Gotch is 35—and Stecher is 22.

Stecher is coming—and Gotch went long ago.

As to Fred Welsh.

Freddie Welsh announces that he will retire as champion on July 1, 1917. Welsh may do it—and he may not. It all depends upon whether or not he tries conclusions over the decision route with any one of the topnotch lightweights in the game today.

The day that Welsh willingly risks his title in a long bout will be the day that he will retire as champion. He has gone back so far during the past two years that any one of the three leading lightweights—Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee, Charlie White—can beat him decisively in 20 rounds.

The chances of Welsh being knocked out in a no-decision bout are, as we declared more than a year ago, almost nil. The Welshman has a perfect defense for his chin, and a body that can stand up pretty well under a fusillade of blows. If Leonard, White or Dundee hit Welsh flush up on the chin, the fight will be over. But that is not easy of accomplishment. Welsh always fights with his chin on his breast and with his guard covering the other vulnerable spots on his upper works.

And that's why Welsh has been able to pick up lots of soft money during the past year or so, by mixing in scores of short bouts, without being knocked out.

Sadness has settled over Gotham town since the announcement that the Dollar Field at the Belmont track has been abolished. The action was taken upon the racing officials by the police authorities in Nassau county (New York).

The district attorney claims the bulk of the "under-cover" betting last season was done on the Dollar Field, and that there were only a few of the grandstand patrons who violated the law.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

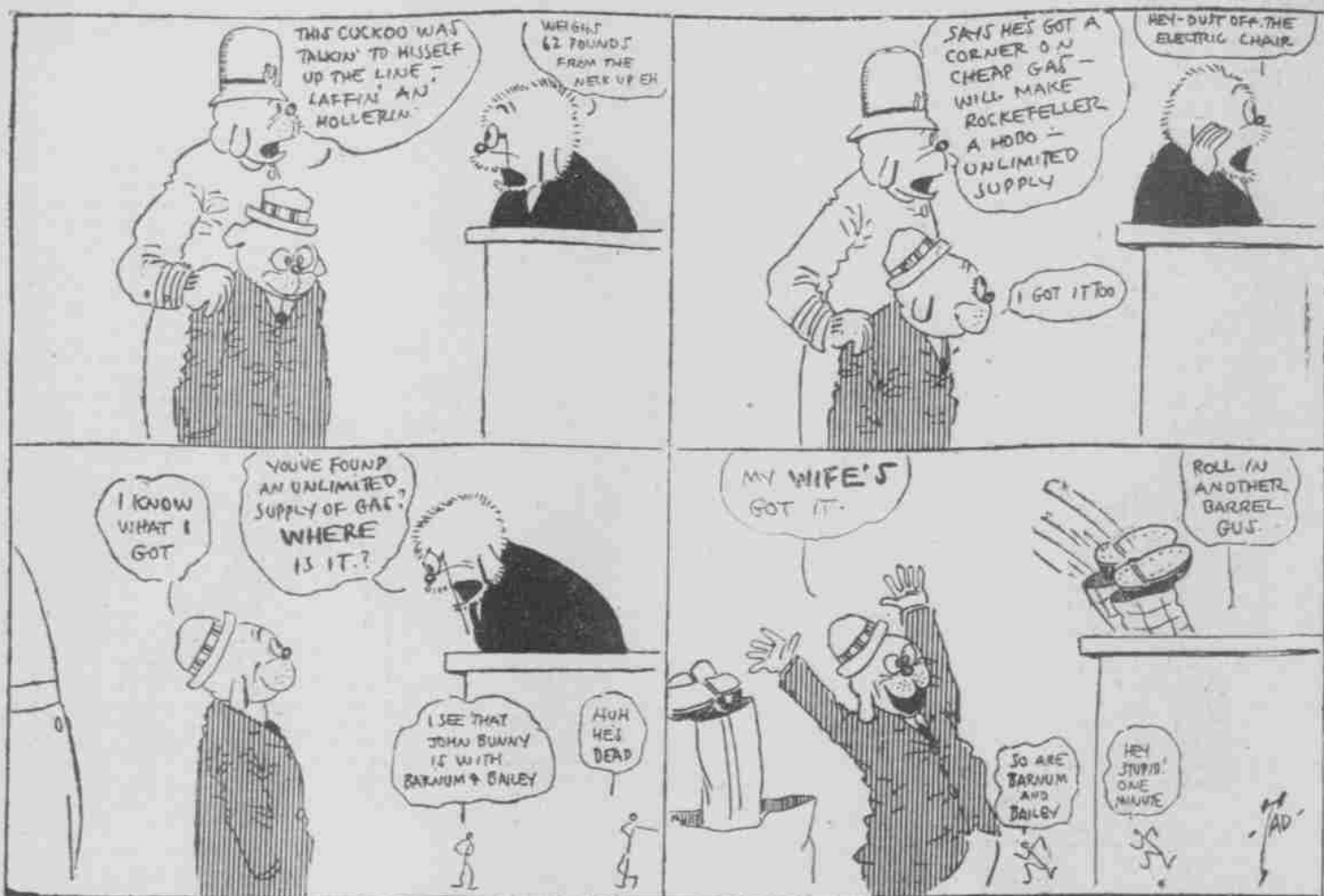
THURSDAY'S GAMES.

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## OLD JUDGE RUMHAUSER

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## "Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK."

SATURDAY'S game at Rio Grande park between the fifth and sixth floor staffs of the El Paso & Southwestern auditing department should be "some battle." One fan asserts that he doesn't believe that a man who handles much money can play baseball and he's going out to get proof of his contention. Tenders for the moving picture rights of the afternoon are now being received. The promoters figure that Charlie Chaplin will lose his popularity when the "movie" fans see the three-act aggregation of all-stars from the railroad offices.

REQUEST has been made for the name of the "spy" who tipped off the lineup of the two railroad teams but the official reporter prefers to remain anonymous, asserting that if his identity became known he would be escorted to the top of the weather office spire on the Southwestern building and kicked into space.

ADDING machines are fairly numerous in the Southwestern offices so it will be possible to know the score of the Saturday baseball game some time Saturday night.

BUT don't overlook the Sunday games of the Commercial league in all this excitement over the railroad game. The morning game again looks to be the goods but the afternoon contests will be worth while.

HIGH school baseball team plays the New Mexico "Aggies" at Mesilla Park this afternoon and will proceed on to Silver City to play the Normal nine on Saturday.

CHAMPIONSHIP of the Grammar Schools Baseball league will be decided at Rio Grande park on Saturday morning. The game will start about 10:30 o'clock and it should be a dandy. San Jacinto school will play Alta Vista. It will be the closing game of the school league.

PURITYS are out to bust up that perfect percentage of Everybody's in the Sunday morning game of the Commercial league at Rio Grande park. The bakers have made some changes and promise to take a fall out of Livingston's men. Feldmans and Seventh will meet in the first afternoon game and one of these teams is due to break into the winning column. The second afternoon game brings the Walt team, undefeated in the league games, against the Krackjacks, a team which is showing considerable class.

BANK clerks figure that if railroad accountants can play baseball, so can the bankers. Hence we will have the Bankers' Baseball league and games will be played Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. There are some good athletes among the local bank clerks, as was evidenced by the showing of the First National basketball team during the winter and these teams should play some good baseball.

MANAGER Muggsy McGraw, of the Giants, is just as fretful as ever—possibly more so, because the Giants are far from being the pennant contenders that McGraw claimed they would be. The pug-nacious one got into an argument with umpire Bill Klem on Thursday at Boston and it looked like another knockout with McGraw on the receiving end until umpire Emalie stepped between the men.

CUBS sure seem to have hit their stride and Tinker's ex-Feds are simply wading through the other National league teams. Six consecutive victories is a pretty good mark. Yet some one said that the Federal players would never make good in the National.

WHETHER it is because Fournier has learned to "choke" his bat correctly or to take a proper position at the plate, one thing is absolutely certain: The White Sox first baseman is likely to lead the sluggers of the American league this season. His contribution, Thursday, was two hits, a triple and a double, in five times at bat. Eddie Collins is also whaling the pill at a real clip and gathered two singles and a double in five times up at Cleveland, Thursday.

TENNIS players are reminded that the time for sending their entries to Tucson for the Border States championship meet is fast drawing to a close. Jimmy Lawton stirred up interest in Tucson last year and sent a big delegation to the El Paso meet. We can do no more than send a strong team to Tucson.

CONNIE MACK asserts that baseball players cannot play golf and keep their batting eye. Wonder if tennis players can become motor fans and still retain their driving judgment on the courts. Norman Ferguson has become a real motorist lately and some of his friends are wondering if the veteran will show his old form in the Tucson meet. However, Ferguson is getting in considerable practice and is showing good form.

SOME people are getting ticklish over the amateur rules! The California golfers offered to put up a special train to carry the eastern golfers to the western amateur championship meet at Del Monte in July. Everything was to be free but the easterners have turned down the offer "because its acceptance would constitute a violation of the amateur rule." Kipling once referred to cricket players as the "hannled fools." Wonder if we would stretch it any if—

OAKLAND looks to be the class of the Pacific Coast league right now. The way the Oaks are going through Frank Chance's Los Angeles all-stars is causing much gnashing of teeth among the fans of the southern California tourist city. The Los Angeles scribes have gone so far as to assert that several of Chance's high-salaried men are "has-beens."

## TEAMS PLAYING HANDBALL AT 'Y'

Both Indoor and Outdoor Courts Are Kept in Use By Many Enthusiasts.

Handball has taken a real hold on the young business men of the local Y. M. C. A. Both indoor and outdoor courts are kept busy by the players after business hours. Some of the most expert players have entered the tournament in singles and some of the matches will be played off at once. Drawings of the first entries have been made and resulted as follows: H. W. Brown vs. H. L. Barger, P. Mayer vs. C. Rossi, Carl Berg vs. Harry Franks and Allen Grannable to play the next round.

All matches will be played according to the Y. M. C. A. handball rules, and at a time agreed upon by the contestants. The matches will be played on the outdoor courts unless both players agree upon the indoor surface.

For all-round development, exercise and recreation handball is the peer of all games. Its supporters contend they are absolutely no danger of a man over-taxing the heart or other organs and every muscle in the body is brought into play.

Efforts are being made at the Y to interest all the men in this game.

STOKES AND CUMMINGS HEAD PHOENIX ATHLETIC TEAMS

Phoenix, Ariz., April 23.—Henry Stokes, pitcher of the Phoenix high school baseball team, has been elected captain of the team for next year. Robert Cummings was elected captain of the track team.

It is inadequate during the coming summer. Every English coach who is in this country at the present time is tied up to some prominent club contract. A large number of the smaller clubs, as well as the leading colleges and preparatory schools, are searching in vain for men who have the ability to teach the technique of tennis.

There are many American players who are fitted to take these positions, which pay good salaries, but they do not care to lose their amateur status and cannot afford to give the time necessary to successful coaching without reimbursement. As a result, the National association and the clubs desiring a regular coach are confronted by a problem which does not promise to be easily solved. The remarkable growth of the court game in the past few years is responsible for the entry of large numbers of boys and young men who desire to be taught the proper manner in which to make the various strokes, and the science of both singles and doubles play. For the present, at least, there appears to be little chance of the securing instruction except from such amateurs as can spare the time to developing the few who give promise of graduating into the ranks of the stars as a result of the coaching afforded them.

What is claimed to be a record amount distributed in racing purses was awarded during the past Australian racing season when more than \$2,750,000 was awarded to winners of races. This amount includes the sums distributed for flat and jumping races at meets both registered and unregistered.



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## Former Feds Rank Well As Batsmen Demand For Tennis Teachers Grows

NEW YORK, April 26.—While the big league players have hardly got into their stride for the long pennant races, the batting averages for the initial week of the schedules show that the heavy hitters of the Federal league were in a number of cases able to hammer out a place for themselves among the 300 batters. In the National league, Hal Chase in his few games with Cleveland, has been hitting at a .450 clip as against his .254 in the Federal league last year. Kometchy, of Boston, is given .400 after batting .310 for the entire season of 1915. Rainden, of New York, hit for

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